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***This I Believe* Essay Rubric**

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|  | **Excellent** | **Good** | **Needs Improvement** |
| Your **introduction** effectively **captures the reader’s attention.** | 2 | 1.5 | 1 (or lower) |
| You wrote **a story from your life** that is relevant to a value or lesson learned and is expressed clearly to the reader. | 5 | 4 | 3 (or lower) |
| Your **belief statement** is concise, understandable, and connects well to the theme of your essay. | 2 | 1.5 | 1 (or lower) |
| Your **conclusion** wraps up your ideas in a logical and interesting way. | 2 | 1.5 | 1 (or lower) |
| The **essay flows well**; it is easy to follow the course of events and ideas presented. | 4 | 3 | 2 (or lower) |
| The **impact** of your experience is expressed clearly; we can see how this relates to what you value and why. | 6 | 4.5 | 3 (or lower) |
| You **corrected errors** related to grammar, spelling, run-on sentences or sentence fragments, capitalization, punctuation, and paragraphing. | 3 | 2 | 1 (or lower) |
| Your essay is **roughly between 350-500 words and you included a heading** (name/date/class written on essay) | 3 | 2 | 1.5 (or lower) |
| You completed the “Important Moments” and “My Memory -- Story Chart” worksheets in class last week and turned them in with your essay. | 3 | 1.5 | 0 |

Any points lost for lateness or other reasons? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ points

Extra credit point for printing off your essay? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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